

region in Santhai Pargana to cover the Jharkhand regions of Bihar under Doordarshan networks; and

(b) if so, the time by which the same will start functioning and the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) There is no proposal at present to establish a 10 KW TV transmitter in Rajmahal region of Bihar

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Assistance to Food Processing Industries in Gujarat

5263. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Food Processing Industries functioning in Gujarat and the details of assistance given by the Union Government during the last two years.

(b) whether any proposal to set up food processing industry in Gujarat is pending with the Union Government for approval ; and

(c) if so, the details and by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIGIRIDHARGOMANGO): (a) While information with regard to all food processing industries functioning in Gujarat is not maintained centrally, as per the information available with this Ministry there are 171 fruit and vegetable processing units and 52 sweet aerated water units licensed under the FPO, 28 fish processing units, 3161 rice

mills and 17 roller flour mills. As regards assistance provided under the Plan Schemes formulated by this ministry, Rs. 1 lakh was provided to the Gujarat Agro Industries corporation, Ahmedabad for the setting up of 7 Agro Parlours to market GAIC's products in Gujarat and Rs. 6 lakhs was provided to the GAIC in the form of equity for setting up/enhancement of storage facilities at fruit processing units located at Gandavi and Junagarh.

(b) and (c) A proposal from the Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation, Ahmedabad, through State Government for equity participation for aseptic bulk packaging of fruit pulp was received without certain details. The Corporation has been requested to clarify and furnish the details.

Resentment over Telugu Ganga Project

5264. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have put forth certain conditions for the clearance of Telugu Ganga Project;

(b) whether the Government of Andhara Pradesh has resented to some of the suggestions made to them; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The state Government of Andhara Pradesh is required to resolve the inter-State issued with the other Krishna basin States namely Karnataka and Maharashtra.

(b) and (c). While the Andhra Pradesh Government contends that Telugu Ganga Project is in conformity with the Krishna Wa-

ter Disputes Tribunal Award and in complete harmony with the inter-State agreements, Maharashtra has opined that the Tribunal has not allocated any water from Srisailem Project for irrigation in Rayalaseema and Penner Valley and, therefore, in their opinion the project violates the Award of the Tribunal. Karnataka has also objected for combining irrigation with the water supply canal in contravention of the conditions specified and agreed to by the basin States in October, 1977. The Chief Ministers of the basin States have taken up upon themselves to resolve the inter State issues.

Imbalances in Generation of Electricity in States

5265 SHRI GIRJA DEVI Will the Minister of POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have made any analysis to know the imbalances in the generation of electricity in the various States,

(b) if so, the details thereof such as the extent of imbalances in the various States, extents of imbalance in the development of electricity between the developed and under

developed States and the per capita consumption of electricity in the developed and under developed States, and

(c) whether any short-term/long-term strategy is proposed to be formulated by the Government to remove the regional imbalances in the generation of electricity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALAPATHRAI) (a) and (b) The required information State-wise as reflected by generation and per unit consumption of electricity in various States is given in Statements-I & II

(c) The short-term and long term measures for mitigating the power shortages in the country include, Inter State and Inter Regional exchange of Power, Renovation and Modernisation Programme, implementation of short-gestation gas projects, supply of adequate quantity & quality of coal, policy decision to allow private sector participation in power sector, exploitation of hydro potential, strengthening of Transmission and Distribution System for reducing losses and improving reliability, Energy Conservation etc